GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Broad Gauge
Raju Shri Gokaraju Ganga

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Satpura narrow gauge line is running at loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to convert the stretch from narrow gauge to broad gauge in order to reduce travel distance of trains running north to south; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the year 2013-14, narrow gauge line in Satpura region incurred a net loss of `393 crore against an annual expenditure of `542 crore with an annual earning of `149 crore.

(c) & (d): Three narrow gauge Railway lines falling in Satpura region, viz. (i) Chhindwara − Mandla Fort (182 Km), (ii) Chhindwara − Nagpur (150 Km) and (iii) Jabalpur − Gondia (285 Km) have been taken up at a total cost of `3461 crore with an allocation of `830 crore for 2015-16. Gauge Conversion of Nagpur − Nagbhir (106 Km) narrow gauge line has also been included in the Budget subject to requisite Government clearances.
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